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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Parts of a Sentence Chapter 19 B Phrases and Clauses 20 C Sentence Types and Variety 21 D Punctuation (Mastery of the apostrophe, comma and end punctuation; introduce semicolons and colons) Chapter 26 E Diagramming Workshop pgs 656-665 F Glossary Terms:	 Locate appropriate texts Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading. Use these words accurately in speaking and writing Demonstrate fluency and comprehension during reading Self-correct mistakes Read and understand essential content of informational texts in all academic areas Edit writing using the conventions of language: Spell common, frequently used words correctly; use 	 Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Write Source Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed 	 Text Exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Worksheets Student/teacher generated essays Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts Alternative/technology projects

capital letters correctly;	
punctuate	

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	correctly (periods,		
	exclamation points,		
	question marks,		
	apostrophes, colons,		
	semicolons,		
	parentheses)		
	 Use nouns, pronouns, 		
	verbs, adjectives,		
	adverbs, conjunctions,		
	prepositions and		
	interjections properly		
	 Use complete sentences (simple, compound, 		
	complex, compound-		
	complex, declarative,		
	interrogative,		
	exclamatory and		
	imperative)		
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	appropriate to formal speech		
	situations; pronounce words		

correctly
 Contribute to discussions

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	 Analyze the role and place of standard American 		
	English language in speech		
	writing and literature		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments		
Course Content A Introduction to Writing Chapters 1,2, and 3 B Descriptive Writing Chapter 6 C Persuasive Writing Chapter 7 D Comparison and Contrast Writing	 Student Performance Write a minimum of two three paragraph essays that will be scored online from the Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Write a minimum of four teacher scored essays and one research piece. The 	 Resources Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar Exercise Workbook Four Square Writing Method Four Square Personal Writing Coach 	Assessments Text Exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Worksheets		
 Chapter 8 E Cause and Effect Writing Chapter 9 F How To Writing Chapter 10 G Response To Literature Writing Chapter 12 H Writing for Assessment Chapter 13 I Glossary Terms: Accuracy Analysis 	teacher chooses from the following categories: Descriptive Writing Chapter 6 Persuasive Writing Chapter 7 Comparison and Contrast Writing Chapter 8 Cause and Effect Writing Chapter 9 How To Writing Chapter	 Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed 	 Student/teacher generated essays Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts Alternative/Technology Projects(s) Oral individual/group project(s)/ presentation(s) 		

 Assertion 	10	
 Author's Purpose 	 Response To Literature 	

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•	Main idea	•	Identify and use common	
•	Multiple Meaning Words		organizational structures	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Organization Problem/Solution Persuasive Tactics Sentence Fluency Style Syntax Thesis Tone Voice 	 and graphic features to comprehend information Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading Use these words accurately in speaking and writing Read and understand works of literature Produce work in at least one literary genre Read and respond to fiction and nonfiction Write multi-paragraph informational pieces Write persuasive pieces: include a clearly stated position or opinion, include convincing, elaborated, and/or properly cited 		

evidence; develop reader	
interest	

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	 Write with a sharp, distinct focus: identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic: gather, determine validity and reliability of and organize information, employ the most effective format for purpose and audience; write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant the focus Write with controlled and/or subtle organization: sustain a logical order within sentences and between paragraphs using 		

meaningful transitions;	
establish topic and purpose	

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	in the introduction; reiterate		
	the topic and purpose in the		
	conclusion		
	Write with an understanding		
	of stylistic aspects of		
	composition: use different		
	types and lengths of		
	sentences; use tone and		
	voice through the use of		
	precise language		
	Revise writing after		
	rethinking logic of		
	organization and rechecking		
	central idea, content, paragraph development,		
	level of detail, style, tone,		
	and word choice		
	 Edit writing using the 		
	conventions of language:		
	 Spell common, frequently 		
	Spell common, frequently		

used words correctly	
 Use capital letters 	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	correctly; punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, parentheses) • Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections properly • Use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative) • Present and/or defend written work for publication		

when appropriate	
 Read and understand 	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
Course Content	essential content of informational texts in all academic areas • Listen to others: ask probing questions, analyze information, ideas and opinions to determine relevancy, take notes when needed • Speak using skills appropriate to speech situations: use complete sentences; pronounce words	Resources	Assessments
	correctly; adjust volume to purpose and audience; adjust pacing to convey meaning Contribute to discussions: ask relevant, probing questions; respond with		

relevant information, ideas,	
or reasons in support of	

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expressed, listen to and acknowledge the contributions of others, adjust tone and involvement to encourage equitable participation, clarify, illustrate or expand on a	Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
response when asked, present support for opinions, paraphrase and summarize, when prompted Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations Use media for learning purposes Analyze the role and place of standard American English language in speech writing and literature	Course Content	expressed, listen to and acknowledge the contributions of others, adjust tone and involvement to encourage equitable participation, clarify, illustrate or expand on a response when asked, present support for opinions, paraphrase and summarize, when prompted Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations Use media for learning purposes Analyze the role and place of standard American English language in speech	Resources	Assessments

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Research Report Chapter 11	 Create topic outline and 	Prentice Hall Writing and	Text Exercises
B Citing Sources and	thesis	Grammar	 Teacher made tests and
Preparing Manuscript pgs.	Create an outline including	Prentice Hall Writing and	quizzes
760 — 764	three to four main ideas with	Grammar Exercise	 Prentice Hall tests and
C Internet Research Handbook	9	Workbook	quizzes
765 — 769	details per main idea	Write Source	 Worksheets
D Topic outline	 Create note cards 	Four Square Writing	 Student/teacher generated
E Note card format	 Summarize and paraphrase 	Method	essays
F MLA Style documentation	main ideas and supporting	Four Square Personal	 Alternative/technology
pgs. 763-764	details	Writing Coach	Project(s)
G Glossary Terms	Write a multi-paragraph	Prentice Hall provided audio,	Oral individual/group
Accuracy Analysis	report	CD's, tapes, videos, unit	project(s)/ presentation(s)
Analysis Analysis	Write an effective	resources	Peer response groups
Assertion Author's Durness	introduction of at least three	Prentice Hall Online Essay	Self evaluation / Self editing
Author's Purpose Author's Thesis	to five sentences using the	Scorer	/ Self reflection
Author's Thesis	funnel method	Supplemental materials	Peer/outside audience
Compare Conclusion	Write a body paragraph with	provided by teacher as	editing
Conclusion	a minimum of six to nine	needed	Conferencing
Content	sentences	Library technologies /	 Preliminary works cited
 Conventions of 	Write an effective conclusion	computer on-line sources	 Review of rough drafts

Language	of at least three sentences	and other sources	Review of revised drafts
 Editorials 	using an inverted funnel	Citationmachine.com	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Evaluate Expository text Fluency Focus Generalization Graphic Organizer Headings, Graphics and charts Inference Informational Text Main idea Multiple-meaning words Organization Paraphrase Plagiarism Primary Source Print Media Research Sentence Fluency 	 Add MLA style documentation Cite sources Identify and use common organizational structures and graphic features to comprehend information Understand specialized vocabulary in the content areas during reading and use these words accurately in speaking and writing Read and understand essential content of informational text in all academic areas Differentiate fact from opinion utilizing resources that go beyond traditional texts to electronic media Distinguish between essential and nonessential information 	• Noodlebib.com	 Review of note cards/outlines Final research paper/project

Style	across texts and going beyond	
 Summarize 	text to a variety of media	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
 Syntax Thesis Tone Validity Voice 	 Draw inferences based on a variety of information sources Use and understand a variety of media and evaluate the quality of the material produced Use, design and develop a media project that expands understanding Produce work in at least one literary genre that follows the conventions of the genre Write multi-paragraph informational pieces: and or persuasive projects Write with a sharp, distinct focus: identify topic, audience and task; establish a single point of view Write using well-developed 	Resources	Assessments
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content appropriate for the	
topic: gather, determine	

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	validity and reliability of and		
	organize information; employ		
	the most effective format for		
	purpose and audience; write		
	paragraphs that have details		
	and information specific to		
	the topic and relevant to the		
	focus		
	Write with controlled and/or		
	subtle organization: sustain a		
	logical order within sentences		
	and between paragraphs		
	using meaningful transitions;		
	establish topic and purpose		
	in the introduction; reiterate		
	the topic and purpose in the		
	conclusion		
	Write with an understanding		
	of stylistic aspects of		
	composition: use different		

types and lengths of	
sentences, use tone and	

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	voice through the use of precise language Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail, style, tone and word choice Edit writing using the conventions of language: Spell common, frequently used words correctly Use capital letters correctly; punctuate correctly; punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points, question marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, parentheses) Use nouns, pronouns,		

verbs, adjectives,	
adverbs, conjunctions,	

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	prepositions and interjections properly • Use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative) • Present and defend written work for publication when appropriate • Listen to others: ask probing questions; analyze information, ideas and opinions to determine relevancy; take notes when needed • Speak using skills appropriate to speech situations: use complete sentences; pronounce words correctly;		
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adjust volume to purpose and	
audience, and adjust pacing to	

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	convey meaning		
	Contribute to discussions:		
	ask relevant, probing		
	questions; respond with		
	relevant information, ideas,		
	or reasons in support of		
	expressed; listen to and		
	acknowledge the		
	contributions of others;		
	adjust tone and involvement		
	to encourage equitable		
	participation; clarify,		
	illustrate or expand on a		
	response when asked;		
	present support for opinions,		
	paraphrase and summarize		
	when prompted		
	 Participate in small and 		
	large group discussions and		
	presentations		

Use media for learning	
purposes	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	 Analyze the role and place of standard American English language in speech writing and literature Select and refine a topic for research Locate information using appropriate sources and strategies: determine valid resources for researching the topic, including primary sources; evaluate the importance and quality of the sources; select essential sources; use tables of contents, indices, key words, cross-references and appendices; use traditional and electronic search terms Organize, summarize and 		
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present the main ideas from	
research: identify the steps	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
	necessary to carry out a research paper; take relevant notes from sources; develop a thesis statement based on research; give precise, formal credit for others' ideas, images or information using a standard method of documentation Use formatting techniques to create an understandable presentation for a designated audience		

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Vocabulary Workshop Shostak Level B B Glossary terms:	 Describe the origins and meanings of common, learned, and foreign words used frequently in English language Analyze the role and place of standard American English in speech, writing, and literature Identify new words that have been added to the English language over time Expand a reading vocabulary by identifying and correctly using new words acquired through the study of their relationship to other words Understand the meaning of and apply key vocabulary across the various subject areas Spell all words correctly Listen to others 	Shostak Workbook Level B Write Source	 Text Exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Shostak tests and quizzes Worksheets Student/teacher generated essays

 View vocabulary units as 	
cumulative	

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Course Content	Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
A Various sample essays to edit and revise B Multiple choice questions in editing and revising C Writing to the domains D Writing to the rubrics E Glossary Terms:	 Write multi-paragraph informational pieces Write persuasive pieces Write with a sharp, distinct focus: identify topic, task and audience; establish a single point of view Write using well-developed content appropriate for the topic: write paragraphs that have details and information specific to the topic and relevant the focus Write with controlled and/or subtle organization: sustain a logical order within sentences and between paragraphs using meaningful transitions; establish topic and purpose in the introduction; reiterate the topic and purpose in the 	 PSSA Prep Grade 7 Editing and Revising Better Test Scores for PSSA Writing Write Source Four Square Writing Method Four Square Personal Writing Coach Prentice Hall provided audio, CD's, tapes, videos, unit resources Prentice Hall Online Essay Scorer Supplemental materials provided by teacher as needed 	 Text Exercises Teacher made tests and quizzes Prentice Hall tests and quizzes Worksheets Student/Teacher generated essays Response to PSSA and/or teacher generated prompts

conclusion	
Write with an understanding	
of stylistic aspects of	

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	composition: use different types and lengths of sentences; use tone and voice through the use of precise language Revise writing after rethinking logic of organization and rechecking central idea, content, paragraph development, level of detail, style, tone and word choice Attain proficiency with PSSA prompts Edit writing using the conventions of language: Spell common, frequently used words correctly Use capital letters correctly, and punctuate correctly (periods, exclamation points,		

question marks, apostrophes, colons, semicolons, parentheses).	

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 Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions and interjections properly Use complete sentences (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, 	Course Content	Course Content Student Performance	Resources	Assessments
exclamatory and imperative) Listen to others Take notes when needed Contribute to discussions Participate in small and large group discussions and presentations Analyze the role and place of standard American	Jourse Johnson	 Use nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, conjunctions prepositions and interjections properly Use complete sentence (simple, compound, complex, declarative, interrogative, exclamatory and imperative) Listen to others Take notes when needed Contribute to discussions Participate in small and large group discussions a presentations Analyze the role and place 	res	Assessments

writing and literature	